

was awarded the Miecze Hallerowskie Medal by the Polish Army Veterans Kosciuszko Post 152. He is also an active parishioner at St. John Cantius Catholic Church.

Mr. Speaker and Colleagues, please join me in honor and recognition of Mr. Frank L. Kowalski, Jr., whose tireless devotion to the Polish-American community has been an inspiration to many. I offer Mr. Kowalski my sincerest congratulations.

IN RECOGNITION OF MS. HELEN  
GOTTLIEB

**HON. FRANK PALLONE, JR.**

OF NEW JERSEY

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Tuesday, May 10, 2011*

Mr. PALLONE. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize Ms. Helen Gottlieb, Chairwoman of the Middlesex County Democratic Organization in New Jersey. Chairwoman Gottlieb is a strong Democratic leader in Middlesex County who has made immeasurable contributions to her community and the Democratic Party. As a result of her actions, Chairwoman Gottlieb will be presented with the 2011 New Jersey Federation of Democratic Women's Peg Roberts Award. Ms. Gottlieb's service is undoubtedly deserving of this body's recognition.

In addition to her public service, Chairwoman Gottlieb has amassed an impressive professional resume. Helen served as a dedicated teacher of English as a Second Language with the South Plainfield school district from 1970 through 1994. Beginning in 1980, as a member of the Edison Township Board of Adjustments, Helen faithfully served the local residents. She later served as President of Edison Menlo Oaks Democratic Club and was a member of the Edison Township Planning Board. Her outstanding mentoring and leadership lead to her appointment as Assistant Principal of South Plainfield High School in 1994, where she served for 10 years. Helen also served as co-chair of the Middlesex County Clinton/Gore Presidential Campaign and Edison, New Jersey Democratic Vice-Chair. She currently serves as New Jersey State Committee Member and Middlesex County Democratic Chair, having previously serving as Vice Chair. I commend Helen for her continued service on behalf of the residents of Middlesex County.

As a result of her exceptional work, Helen has received countless awards and honors for her achievements. She was awarded the "Woman of Achievement" Award and Commendation from the New Jersey General Assembly, 18th District, in 1999 and 1997, respectively. Helen was also the recipient of the Middlesex County Woman of Excellence Award in Education in 1993. She was featured in The News Tribune "Applause" Section in 1991 and was the New Jersey ESL Teacher of the Year in 1990. Helen currently resides in Edison, New Jersey with her husband, Judge Joel Gottlieb. They have two children and two grandsons.

Mr. Speaker, once again I would like to extend my congratulations to Chairwoman Helen Gottlieb for her exceptional contributions to the residents of my district and congratulate her for the honor she received from the New Jersey Federation of Democratic Women.

THE HUI PANALAAU

**HON. MAZIE K. HIRONO**

OF HAWAII

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Tuesday, May 10, 2011*

Ms. HIRONO. Mr. Speaker, I would like to share the story of 130 young men from Hawaii, who were asked by the U.S. Federal Government to occupy a trio of deserted islands in the remote Pacific Ocean from 1935 to 1942.

These young men were asked to live on the islands of Howland, Baker, and Jarvis for three-month shifts of four-men per island. The men earned \$3 a day, a good wage during the Great Depression.

The majority of the colonists were Native Hawaiians because the government planners felt that the colonizing task was so daunting that only young Hawaiians would be able to survive. Kamehameha Schools, a school for Native Hawaiian children, was asked to recruit recent male graduates who could swim, fish, and handle a boat. Collectively, the group came to be known as the Hui Panalaa (group of colonizers).

The islands of Howland, Baker, and Jarvis are about halfway between Hawaii and Australia. The colonists traveled by boat and it typically took five days to reach Jarvis and another three to reach Howland and Baker.

The Hui Panalaa were supplied only with canned goods, water, and a few tents. The colonists were asked to keep logbooks about the weather and to gather natural specimens. Their lives on the islands meant enduring rats, beetles, sharks, and the blazing sun.

Why were the Hui Panalaa recruited by the United States to live on these islands? The U.S. Department of Defense considered these islands to be of strategic importance. After the first year of colonization, the United States claimed territorial jurisdiction of the islands and air supremacy. So while the public mission of the colonists was to take weather readings for potential commercial flight routes, the colonist program also served secret military objectives.

In 1941, as World War II intensified, Japanese planes attacked Howland Island likely because of the landing field the colonists were directed to construct. Two colonists, Richard "Dickey" Kanani Whaley and Joseph Kealoha Keliuhanui lost their lives during the attack. Their deaths ended the Hui Panalaa program.

Bishop Museum, the Hawaii State museum for natural and cultural history, developed a documentary on the story of the Hui Panalaa, entitled, Under a Jarvis Moon. The film combines historical interviews of the colonists, still photographs, government documents, and newsreel footage. The film is titled after a song co-written by one of the four surviving colonists, George Kahanu, Sr. The film was directed by Heather Giugni and Noelle Kahanu, the granddaughter of George.

Under a Jarvis Moon premiered at the 2011 Hawaii International Film Festival and was nominated for the Halekulani Golden Orchid Award. On March 12, 2011, the U.S. Department of the Interior will be hosting a screening of the film and I encourage my colleagues to see it and hear the story of the Hui Panalaa from the men who lived it.

Mahalo nui loa (thank you very much).

IN HONOR OF SRI KARUNAMAYI  
AMMA

**HON. DENNIS J. KUCINICH**

OF OHIO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Tuesday, May 10, 2011*

Mr. KUCINICH. Mr. Speaker, I rise today in honor and recognition of Sri Karunamayi Amma, a Hindu spiritual leader who has devoted her life to peace, unity, compassion, and respect for all life forms. Sri Karunamayi will be visiting Cleveland during her 17th World Tour at the end of May.

Sri Karunamayi, known as "Amma," the Telugu word for "mother" by her followers, was born in South India in 1958. From an early age, her compassion for the less fortunate and her insights into ancient Sanskrit spiritual teachings and prayers were noted by her family and learned spiritual scholars alike. At the age of 21, Sri Karunamayi travelled to the sacred Penusila Forest, where she lived a life of strict asceticism, meditation, and study of ancient Vedic texts for ten years. At this time, she decided it was time to share her knowledge with the rest of the world.

Since emerging from the Penusila Forest, Sri Karunamayi Amma has devoted her life to charity works and teaching. She has founded two free elementary schools, a free college, a free hospital, mobile medical clinics, emergency relief programs, food and clothing donation programs, and free housing programs, all to allow the impoverished people of her native India to live better lives. She has also travelled the world, sharing her blessings, teachings, and quest for peace, hope, and emotional healing with thousands of people. Sri Karunamayi Amma teaches that "we should realize the great opportunity we have as human beings to cultivate inner beauty, offer ourselves in service to the entire universe, and ultimately attain spiritual liberation."

Mr. Speaker and Colleagues, please join me in honor and recognition of Sri Karunamayi Amma, whose charitable works and spiritual guidance have inspired countless people around the world. I extend my personal thanks to Sri Karunamayi for sharing her message with the people of northeast Ohio.

PAYING TRIBUTE TO LT MATTHEW  
LOWE AND LT NATHAN WIL-  
LIAMS OF NAVAL STATION,  
LEMOORE

**HON. JIM COSTA**

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Tuesday, May 10, 2011*

Mr. COSTA. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor and pay tribute to two heroic officers from Naval Air Station (NAS), Lemoore who tragically lost their lives on Apr. 6, 2011. LT Matthew Ira Lowe, 33, and LT Nathan Hollingsworth Williams, 28, were killed last Wednesday during a training mission when the F/A-18F Super Hornet they were flying crashed into an agricultural field near NAS Lemoore.

California's 20th Congressional District is home to many individuals who serve and have served in our Armed Forces. NAS Lemoore is a proud and honored naval community. The